

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 199

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1972

1 The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Sir William Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Fairbairn (Minister for Defence), Mr Forbes (Minister for Immigration), Mr MacKellar and Mr Staley—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the contract let to an American controlled company for the advertising rights for the Victorian Pink Pages Telephone Directories be revoked in the national interest.

Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), Mr Howson (Minister for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts), Mr King and Mr Reid—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that Australia's official development assistance in 1972-73 be increased to at least \$240 million, and that Australia's aid and trade policies be reviewed to benefit developing countries.

Mr C. R. Cameron—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will take immediate steps to have the Commonwealth Public Service Board review its wage offer and take other action in relation to the Manipulative Group in the Public Service.

Mr Enderby—from certain employees in Parliament House, Canberra, praying that an early decision will be taken by the Government to build the new and permanent Parliament House which will, in the long run, be a more economical way to house the Parliament and which will at the same time be an impressive and proud symbol of Australia's progress and national unity.

Mr Enderby—from certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the strip of land on the whole western side of Melrose Drive, Canberra, be reserved for development as parkland.

Mr Solomon—from certain citizens of Australia praying that this House will, in regard to the use of Commonwealth funds to aid church schools, restore to the Australian people true religious freedom which can exist only when Church and State are legally separated both in form and substance.

Petitions received.

3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971-72.

Australian War Memorial Act—Board of Trustees of the Australian War Memorial—Ninth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1971-72.

Homes Savings Grant Act—Secretary, Department of Housing—Eighth Annual Report, for year 1971-72.

- 5 **DECENTRALISATION—COMMONWEALTH-STATE OFFICIALS' COMMITTEE—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 Decentralisation—Commonwealth-State Officials' Committee—Report dated June 1972.  
 Mr McMahon, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 Decentralisation—Commonwealth-State Officials' Committee—Report—Ministerial statement, 10 October 1972.  
 Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Giles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **FREQUENCY MODULATION BROADCASTING—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Sir Alan Hulme (Postmaster-General), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 Frequency modulation broadcasting—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Report dated June 1972.  
 Sir Alan Hulme, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:  
 Frequency modulation broadcasting—Report—Ministerial statement, 10 October 1972.  
 Mr Garland (Minister for Supply) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr Stewart was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.  
 Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:  
 4 October 1972—Message No. 264—  
 Aged Persons Homes 1972.  
 Income Tax Assessment (No. 5) 1972.  
 Income Tax 1972.  
 Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) (No. 2) 1972.  
 Export Payments Insurance Corporation 1972.
- 8 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS:** Mr Kelly (Chairman) brought up the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:  
 Report relating to the proposed construction of a telephone exchange at Woolloomgatta, Qld (Twenty-seventh report of 1972).  
 Report relating to the proposed construction of a telephone exchange at Sydney East (Twenty-eighth report of 1972).  
 Severally ordered to be printed.
- 9 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr G. D. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee on Publications:  
 Report relating to the Pink Pages advertising contract for the Victorian telephone directories together with extracts from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee—  
 and, by leave, made a statement with reference to the report.  
 Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr L. R. Johnson, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.  
Mr Foster asked leave to make a statement in connection with the report.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.

*Suspension of standing orders moved:* Mr Foster moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Sturt making a statement in connection with the report.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir William Aston, in the Chair)—

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Mr Armitage	Mr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Patterson
Mr Bennett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Foster	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Kennedy	Mr Uren
Mr Calwell	Mr Grassby	Mr Keogh	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Griffiths	Mr Kirwan	Mr Webb
Mr Cass	Mr Gun	Mr Klugman	
Mr Collard	Mr Hansen	Mr Luchetti	
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr McIvor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Davies	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Cope
Mr Enderby	Mr Jenkins	Mr Nicholls	Mr Duthie

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Sir C. Adermann	Mr G. D. Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr Reid
Mr Anthony	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Killen	Mr Robinson
Mr Barnes	Mr Forbes	Mr King	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. H. Bowen	Mr J. M. Fraser	Mr Lloyd	Mr Solomon
Mr Brown	Mr Garland	Mr Lucock	Mr Staley
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Street
Mr K. M. K. Cairns	Mr Hallett	Mr Mackay	Sir R. Swartz
Mr Calder	Mr Holten	Mr MacKellar	Sir W. Turnbull
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Howson	Mr Maisey	Mr Turner
Mr Chipp	Sir A. Hulme	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Sir J. Cramer	Mr L. H. Irwin	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Drury	Mr Katter	Mr Pettitt	Mr Fox

And so it was negatived.

- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 11 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1972-73: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Second Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts, \$43,411,000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of External Territories, \$131,754,000—

Department of Foreign Affairs, \$105,040,000—  
together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Drury reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 12 SEABED BOUNDARIES AGREEMENT WITH INDONESIA—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr N. H. Bowen (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Agreement between Australia and Indonesia establishing certain seabed boundaries in the Timor and Arafura Seas—Signed at Djakarta on 9 October 1972.

Map showing boundary as delineated in Agreement—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement with reference to the Agreement.

- 13 CHILD CARE BILL 1972: Mr Lynch (Minister for Labour and National Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Assistance by the Commonwealth in respect of Places where Children under School Age may be Cared for during the Day and in respect of Research in connexion with the Care of Children, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Lynch moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered—That Mr Lynch be granted an extension of time.

Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 GENERAL ELECTIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr McMahon (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House that it was intended to hold the General Elections for the House of Representatives on 2 December 1972 and to dissolve the House of Representatives on 2 November. It was proposed that the writs would be issued on 2 November and that nominations would close on 10 November.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 15 PAPUA NEW GUINEA—TIMING OF SELF GOVERNMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Peacock (Minister for External Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's acceptance of the timing of self government in Papua New Guinea as endorsed by the House of Assembly.

Mr Whitlam (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Corbett reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Chipp (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 October 1972, pursuant to statute:

- Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 166.
- Australian Universities Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 167.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 162.
- Canned Fruits Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 159.
- Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 161.
- Customs Tariff—Order—Exemption from primage duty—No. 2 (1972).
- Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 165.
- Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 157.
- Honey Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 168.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land, etc., acquired for—
  - Defence purposes—Woomera, South Australia.
  - Development of Canberra and its environs—Australian Capital Territory.
  - Post office purposes—Kent Town, South Australia.
  - Railway purposes—Port Pirie, South Australia.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 158.
- Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1972—
  - No. 54—Companies.
  - No. 55—Crown Lands (No. 4).
  - No. 56—Darwin Town Area Leases (No. 2).
- Papua New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1972—
  - No. 49—Income Tax (Amendment).
  - No. 50—Income Tax (Dividend (Withholding) Tax Rates).
  - No. 51—Appropriation 1972–73.
  - No. 55—Minimum Age (Sea).
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, Nos. 163, 164, 169.
- Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1972—
  - No. 225—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
  - No. 226—Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australasia.
  - No. 227—Postmaster-General's Department Heads of Divisions and Branches Association.
  - No. 228—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
  - No. 229—Australian Journalists' Association.
  - No. 230—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
  - No. 231—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
  - No. 232—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.
  - No. 233—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.
  - No. 235—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
  - No. 236—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division; and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
  - No. 237—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
  - Nos. 238 and 239—Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia.
  - No. 240—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.
  - No. 241—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
  - No. 242—Australian Journalists' Association.
  - No. 243—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.
  - No. 244—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
  - No. 245—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
  - No. 246—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

- Nos. 247 and 248—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
No. 249—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australia.  
No. 250—Professional Para-medical Officers' Association (Commonwealth Public Service).  
No. 251—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
No. 252—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.  
No. 254—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
No. 255—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.  
No. 256—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.  
No. 257—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.  
Nos. 258 and 259—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.  
No. 260—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.  
No. 261—Australian Workers' Union.  
No. 262—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia; and Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.  
Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1972, No. 160.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Birrell\*, Mr J. F. Cairns, Mr Daly, Mr A. D. Fraser\*, Mr Graham, Mr Hughes, Mr James, Mr Jess and Mr Whittorn\*.

\* On leave

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N. J. PARKES,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives